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## Lake weeds to get chopped

**Banook, Micmac.**  
Committee votes  
against use of  
herbicides to control  
underwater vegetation

A municipal committee has decided that herbicides will not be used to control the weed problem in two Dartmouth lakes.

Members of the environment and sustainability standing committee voted unanimously Thursday in favour of a staff recommendation for the contracted use of a mechanical harvester — a “vessel with submersed blades and collection system” — to battle the excessive underwater weeds in Lakes Banook and Micmac.

Staff recommended against aquatic herbicides in light of the opposition at a public meeting in June. “Reasons for this opposition varied, but many speakers identified concerns for the potential for negative impacts on the environment and human health,” states the report.

The committee had delayed a vote in January in order to receive information from a local expert on environmental toxicology who was in favour of herbicide use.

Staff met with the expert and stated in a briefing note that the information didn't affect the recommendation for the mechanical harvester.

However, the delay prompted Dartmouth MP Robert Chisholm — who will face off against HRM councillor and Liberal candidate Darren Fisher in the next federal election — to write to the committee, calling the delay “very troubling.”

“The delay ... suggests that serious consideration is being given to the herbicide option,” states Chisholm's letter.

Coun. Barry Dalrymple called the letter “politicking” Thursday and said the delay was made to rectify an error in process. “This committee has always gone out of its way to get all the facts from all sources available and that's all that was done in this case,” he said.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO



## DANCERS ARE FROM NEPTUNE

Members of Neptune Theatre school perform an impromptu lunchtime flash mob in the food court at Scotia Square mall court on Thursday. The theatre group had practised the mob together only twice before taking the routine public. Story, page 8. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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# City seeks smart-energy options for redevelopment

**Environment.** Standing committee members say HRM has missed out on district energy



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Members of the city's environmental standing committee want staff to investigate the opportunities for the use of district energy in the Cogswell Interchange redevelopment — and gave themselves a stand-

ing order to be more forceful on the issue in the future.

Coun. Barry Dalrymple asked Thursday for a staff report on the steps being taken to ensure that district energy — a heating system powered by waste energy from some nearby large facility, such as the sewage treatment facility on Lower Water Street — is explored for whatever is built on the site of the aging overpass.

"I think probably most of us agree, Cogswell is the next and probably best opportunity we're going to have," he said. "I really need to know that we're taking the proper

## Quoted

**"The treatment plant ... has tons of energy, and we're saying, whatever you start looking at for Cogswell...make sure we're tying in."**

Coun. Barry Dalrymple

steps and proper processes and we're going to do everything possible to make this happen."

Councillors voted enthusiastically in favour of the mo-

tion, with some saying the municipality had missed out on similar opportunities with previous projects like the Em-era Oval and BMO Centre.

"The wasted energy from just those two facilities is huge," said Coun. Darren Fisher. "I did ask at council at the time whether we could find a way to recover that lost heat, but I didn't push hard enough and I regret that today."

The committee members said it was key for them as a body to be more vocal on the issue as well, with Coun. Jennifer Watts suggesting that brainstorming on district

energy should become standard practice for the committee on all major capital projects.

Dalrymple said after the meeting that the committee will have to be forceful because senior city managers have been "resistant" in the past to HRM's involvement in district energy, saying it's not in the municipality's mandate.

"If you go by the strict interpretation, they're probably correct," he said. "But it's the right thing to do, it's the environmentally friendly thing to do, it's the smart thing to do."

## Firefighters battle North Street blaze

Firefighters douse a chimney fire on Thursday at a three-storey building on North Street that holds apartments and businesses on North Street. Residents in the apartment building say they were asked to leave Thursday afternoon due to a suspected fire in Java Blend's coffee roaster. In a Tweet, Java Blend wrote: "Small chimney fire, but everything is OK". JEFF HARPER/METRO



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## Safety

## Police nab 1,100-plus last year for impaired driving

RCMP in Nova Scotia report that more than 1,100 people were arrested for impaired driving in 2014.

Officers charged 1,023

people across the province with impaired driving, while an additional 84 people were charged with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by a drug.

They also issued 723 administrative suspensions, where drivers lose their licence anywhere from one to 90 days.

In a release issued Wednesday, the RCMP officer in charge of traffic services says she is pleased that these individuals were apprehended and faced proper consequences, but she is disappointed to see that the number of impaired drivers in the province remains high.

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## Crime

## Man arrested in child porn case

Halifax Regional Police have laid child pornography charges against a 21-year-old man following several months of investigation.

Investigators received information late last year

that a Halifax man was contacting a 16-year-old girl over the Internet, and attempting to obtain naked pictures of her.

Police say the victim and suspect had never met in person.

Their investigation led to a search of an apartment in the 6200 block of Chebucto Road in Halifax Thursday.

Police arrested Matthew Carlson Lewis at the scene and seized computer equipment.

Lewis is now facing charges of possession of child pornography, making sexually explicit material available to a child and luring a child for the purpose of making child pornography.

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# Prosecution reviewing man's charges in chemicals case



Christopher Phillips is escorted from provincial court in Dartmouth last month. The prosecution is reviewing charges laid against Phillips in relation to a recent discovery of hazardous chemicals. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Court.** Crown attorney says details need to be heard in court

Charges against a man, who police allege owned volatile chemicals that led to evacuation orders in Halifax and Ottawa, are being reviewed by prosecutors to make sure there is a realistic prospect of a conviction, a Crown attorney said Thursday.

But Crown prosecutor Terri Lipton said she still believes the case against Christopher Phillips should be heard by a court.

"This is not clear-cut," she said outside provincial court after Phillips made a brief appearance.

"We're dealing with a chemical that he is lawfully allowed to have. Do we have a triable issue? Yes, very much. I think so. Are we continuing to look at the charge and do research on that? Absolutely, particularly when we have somebody in custody."

Phillips, 42, was arrested in an east-end Ottawa hotel on Jan. 21 after the building

## Court date

The judge scheduled a one-day preliminary hearing for May 26 but urged the Crown and defence to try to find an earlier date.

was evacuated. He was later charged in Halifax with uttering threats and possession of a weapon — the chemical osmium tetroxide — for a dangerous purpose.

Police have said a cottage and a shed that Phillips owned in the tiny coastal community of Grand Desert was filled with chemicals in various states of degradation.

Lipton said prosecutors are still receiving lists of the substances inside the cottage.

The area around the cottage was evacuated for five days. A shorter evacuation order was also ordered around a home in Cole Harbour.

The alleged threat was made to a third party in an email that mentioned osmium tetroxide, Lipton added.

Phillips, who worked as an ophthalmologist in the United

States prior to moving to Halifax about five years ago, elected on Thursday to be tried by judge and jury.

He was remanded after defence lawyer Mike Taylor said he couldn't make a bail application for his client because a place couldn't be found for him to stay.

"We have had a few options that were potentially open to us. Unfortunately, people are afraid of simply getting involved because of the publicity concerning this," Taylor said outside court, adding that Phillips can still apply for bail with two days' notice.

Outside court, Lipton also said the prosecution now accepts that Phillips' trip to Ottawa was "completely unrelated" to any of the allegations about chemicals and is not part of the Crown's charges.

The RCMP have said the chemicals posed an extreme fire risk to the area due to their volatility, but Taylor said he believes the authorities overreacted to the potential threat based on information he received.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Board defends decision to close some schools

A spokesman for the Halifax Regional School Board says the decision to cancel all school buses and close the majority of schools on Thursday came down to a judgment call based on safety.

Doug Hadley said based on the information the board had received around 5:30 a.m., roads were very icy, creating dangerous driving conditions for school buses — despite what some families might have thought while looking

## By the numbers

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The number of days schools have been cancelled in HRM so far this winter.

out their own windows.

"There's a big difference between driving a family car and a school bus," he said Thursday.

Hadley explained many of

the 89 schools that the board closed were those where students rely heavily on bus transportation.

"We have to think about how we get the students home," he said, adding that in the past, parents have spoken out against delayed openings and prefer that their children miss an entire school day in the event of a possible cancellation.

Many of the 48 schools that remained open, such

as Citadel High, Dartmouth High and Prince Andrew High, were those that depend more on parents driving their children or students finding their own method of transportation, he said.

Safety is always the bottom line, Hadley said, explaining that the board decides to cancel school and school buses on a day-to-day basis and does not use previous weather events as examples.

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The Halifax Regional School Board cancelled all school buses Thursday. METRO FILE





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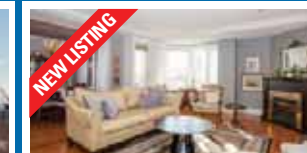
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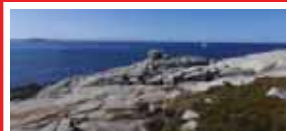


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# Faculty union critical of university's 'coronation' of new president-elect

**Education.** Teachers at Saint Mary's University feel the selection process left them in the cold ahead of this summer's contract talks



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Saint Mary's University's new president-elect spoke about students and globalization at an event Thursday that the faculty's union called a "coronation," due to the controversy surrounding the closed search that led to his appointment.

Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray outlined his goals during the official presentation on campus such as being student-focused, continuing international research, and concentrate on what Saint Mary's can bring to our society with

debate and new discoveries.

"I'm most excited about the opportunity to push those international opportunities, to work with a community that has already demonstrated ... it has a sense of ways of moving forward," Summerby-Murray told reporters.

Originally from New Zealand, Summerby-Murray has a PhD in geography and acted as dean of social sciences at Mount Allison University, then as arts and social sciences dean at Dalhousie University since 2010.

The search committee's chairman, John Fitzpatrick, said Summerby-Murray has excellent credentials and Halifax experience, but the Saint Mary's Faculty Union (SMUFU) president said it was "unprecedented" to hold a closed search where only one candidate was chosen without faculty feedback, unlike the three-candidate shortlist professors were consulted on during past decades.

## Quoted

**"We've been shut out from the process."**

Marc Lamoureux

"In a coronation, you just witness the crowning of the monarch ... and you don't participate," Marc Lamoureux said Thursday. "We feel that we've been wronged."

Last fall, Lamoureux said the union learned the school's board of governors had passed a bylaw asking the search committee to conduct a closed search and bring them one candidate to ratify, allowing candidates freedom from any backlash at their current job.

The union filed a grievance at the end of November, since Lamoureux said their collective agreement states there must be meetings between the "candidates, plural" and academic community before the choice is made.

It wasn't until Wednesday

afternoon that Summerby-Murray was introduced to the Saint Mary's faculty and students, Lamoureux said, creating the feeling it was a "state secret."

The second phase of the grievance could go to arbitration within the next six months, Lamoureux said, and if the matter is decided in favour of the union, the search process would restart and SMU could be open to a lawsuit from Summerby-Murray.

Although Lamoureux said the grievance has nothing to do with the president-elect personally, he said the administration and governors have let the faculty down.

"We were left with a very sour taste in our mouth," Lamoureux said, adding this does not help employee mood heading into collective bargaining talks over this summer.

"I think people will not necessarily be too warm to come forward and work with the new president."



**Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, president-elect at Saint Mary's University, said he hopes to focus on students and international initiatives. CONTRIBUTED**

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## Sarah Hastings. Acadia student remembered as 'bright' and 'free-spirited'

An Acadia University student who died of meningitis last weekend is being remembered as an athlete, good friend and someone who embraced university life to the fullest.

Sarah Hastings was a first-year business student from Cambridge, Ont., a letter posted on the university's website from enrolment and student services vice-president Susan Mesheau states.

She celebrated her 18th birthday just 10 days before her death. "Sarah lived in Chipman House, where she was surrounded by a circle of close friends and where she grew quickly to embrace everything about Acadia, both inside and outside her classrooms," Mesheau said.

Hastings was found unconscious in her residence room by her roommates on Jan. 31 and was taken to hospital in Kentville. She passed away from bacterial meningitis on Feb. 1.

The university says Hastings was very active in events at her residence, Chipman House, and frequently organized activities and encouraged

other students to participate.

"Because of her enthusiasm and willingness to help others, Sarah was loved by everyone who knew her," the letter says.

Hastings was also a member of the Acadia ringette and field hockey club teams.

"She played with an intensity that was consistent with her personality: bright, funny, spontaneous and free-spirited," Mesheau said.

Hastings' obituary describes her as "an incredible athlete and avid canoe tripper" whose "determination and dedication inspired her friends and teammates."

A graduate of the International Baccalaureate program in Kitchener, Ont., Hastings was the youngest daughter of Iain and Susan Hastings of Cambridge. She also leaves behind three sisters. **KINGS COUNTY REGISTER**

### Memorial

A memorial service is planned for Sunday at 2 p.m. in Acadia's Manning Chapel.

# 'This just brought a little bit of sunshine'

**Scotia Square.** Neptune Theatre troupe performs an impromptu dance number to promote renovated food court

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Hundreds of heads snapped around to look for the source of blaring music as young people in brightly coloured shirts leaped through the food court, jumping onto tables and busting out dance moves.

Scotia Square was the scene of a Neptune Theatre flash mob Thursday afternoon to call attention to the newly renovated food court — "The Mix" — and to showcase young Haligonians' dancing skills, set to "Weird" Al Yankovic's parody, Eat It.

"Everybody was feeding off the energy, it was amazing," said choreographer and Neptune Theatre dance teacher Tracy Fritz-Nasson after the performance.

Lunch-goers crowded around the dozen or so dancers as they brought out Michael Jackson moves from his Beat It video, taking photos and cheering along to the unexpected show.

Fritz-Nasson said she and fellow Neptune dance teacher Gina Thornhill came up with the choreography and filmed a YouTube video of the moves for the rest of their students and friends to learn on their own last month, and they were only able to all rehearse together twice.



Members of Neptune Theatre's school perform an impromptu lunchtime flash mob in the newly renovated food court at Scotia Square on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"(We) were watching in rehearsals and were like, 'This is unbelievable,'" Fritz-Nasson said.

"It looks cool!" Thornhill added with a laugh.

Fritz-Nasson said the event showed off some great individuals in the local dance community, which is only growing.

Larry Burke of Burke & Burke said he handled the marketing for Scotia Square and approached Neptune to

### Quoted

"It was really cool to bring all kinds of people together that have just been practising on their own." Tracy Fritz-Nasson

put together an event that would let everyone downtown know the food court was ready for business, while helping talented local young dancers.

The smile-making event couldn't have come at a better

time, Burke said, after recent storms left lots of snow and ice, and Thursday's downpour created flooding on the roads.

"Everybody's kind of in a rut, and then this just brought a little bit of sunshine in," Burke said.

## Program gives international students a chance to 'stay local'



Miguel Bautista speaks to a crowd at the Halifax Seaport Market on Thursday. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Miguel Bautista knows that finding a job is tough.

The 29-year-old was completing his master's degree in business at Saint Mary's University when, during a networking event last year, he struck up a conversation that led to a phone call, an interview and, after some waiting around to hear back, a summer internship.

"It's difficult to get that 'in' into a company or that 'in' into an interview," Bautista explained Thursday.

He said he saw his intern-

ship experience as "an opportunity to say, 'Here's what I can do,'" and a chance to prove himself, which he sees as a particularly important opportunity to give international students who want to "live local and stay local."

On Thursday, the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's, in partnership with the Halifax Port Authority and the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association Atlantic Section, launched a new internship program in an effort to keep more inter-

national students in Nova Scotia.

Karen Oldfield, CEO and president of the Port Authority, made the announcement during a news conference at the Halifax Seaport Market on Thursday, saying they will hire — and pay — two internship students every year for the next three years, for anywhere between four to eight months. She expects the program to begin later this year.

"The goal of the program (is) very, very simple," she told a crowd of university

### By the numbers

# 7,000

The number of international students in the province, according to Saint Mary's University president Colin Dodds.

students and port authority officials. "We want to provide international students who are currently studying in Halifax with the opportunity to get the work experience that they need to enter the

work force and stay in Nova Scotia."

A spokesperson from the university later explained the internships will be geared towards graduate students and will largely focus on research around global trade development.

Both Oldfield and the university's president, Colin Dodds, cited the oneNS Coalition, which has called for a greater retention of more international students in order to bolster the economy.

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## Pictou County

## Typographical error in permit for Northern Pulp mill

Nova Scotia's Environment Department is amending a new permit for the Northern Pulp mill in Pictou County after discovering a typographical error that misstates the location of

an environmental study required in 2019.

Department spokeswoman Heather Fairbairn says the document states that mill effluent will be measured at the end of an effluent transmission pipe, referred to as Point A.

But Fairbairn says the permit should have said the effluent will be measured at the outlet of

an aerated stabilization basin, called Point C.

The department issued the industrial approval for the mill last Friday that requires tighter restrictions on emissions and water consumption.

But Northern Pulp has said it plans to challenge the permit, saying it threatens the mill's long-term viability.

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## Kentville

## N.S. town dubbed tops in Canada for spending on sex toys, lingerie

Is an Annapolis Valley town Canada's sexiest?

A Canadian company has crunched the numbers on retail purchases across the country and three Nova Scotia

towns are in the top dozen for spending on sex toys, adult novelties and lingerie per capita.

Pink Cherry's stats for 2014 show Kentville led the country in having a hot taste for buying the company's products, ahead of Colwood, B.C., and Fort McMurray, Alta.

"Kentville claims the top spot, with their population spending approximately three times the average," a media

release said.

Rankings are based on the amount of sales revenue on the company's Canadian website divided by the number of adults in the community, according to the Statistics Canada census tallies. The Kentville census division includes the Village of New Minas and surrounding areas.

Truro was in ninth place and New Glasgow is 12th.

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# 'My family's been destroyed'

## Canada's military.

Major says report into housing market in compensation case against feds is flawed

A report that is central to a dispute between military members and the federal government over housing compensation is deeply flawed and should be tossed out, says a 25-year veteran who claims the ongoing feud is devastating his family.

The study examined the housing market in Bon Accord, Alta., to determine if it was depressed from 2007 to 2010, when Maj. Marcus Brauer bought his home and then sold it at a loss after being transferred to a base in Nova Scotia.

The assessment, done by an appraiser for the Treasury Board, found the community did not meet the definition of a depressed market, which involves a drop of more than 20 per cent.

The finding angered

## Quoted

"We frankly don't think this report is any good."

Dan Wallace, lawyer for Maj. Marcus Brauer

Brauer, who said it is just another delay in a lengthy legal battle with the Treasury Board over compensation dozens of Forces members say they are being denied unfairly.

"I was absolutely livid that they're going out and again, for the second time, trying to reverse-engineer the decision to negatively affect members," Brauer said Thursday in an interview from Vilnius, Lithuania, where he is on duty.

"I wouldn't say it's valid at all."

The finding is a critical part of a fight that has dragged on for five years between Brauer and Ottawa over military members' forced relocations and compensation they can receive for losses on the sales of their homes.

Brauer, a 43-year-old father of five, said he lost \$88,000 when he sold his home in Bon Accord after being posted to Halifax, but was granted only

\$15,000 in compensation after the Treasury Board decided in 2012 it was not a depressed market.

Brauer, who said housing prices dropped 23 per cent over three years, took the matter to Federal Court a year ago and a judge ordered the board to review its decision, which he called "unreasonable."

Brauer and his lawyer, Dan Wallace, said this latest report excluded certain home sale numbers, included the wrong geographic location and used subjective data.

Wallace sent his response to the report to Tony Clement, the minister responsible for the Treasury Board, but has not yet received a response. A spokeswoman for the Treasury Board would only say the review is continuing.

"My family's been destroyed," Brauer said. "I can't carry the army's debt anymore."

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Marcus Brauer is seen at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax last year. A fight has dragged on for five years between Brauer and Ottawa over military members' forced relocations and compensation they can receive for losses on the sale of their homes. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Taxpayers deserve to know more about Nova Star: Opposition



Opposition parties are calling on the government to put a long-term deal in place with a ferry provider. The Nova Star agreement announced this week is for one year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The provincial government says it will spend less money on the Nova Star ferry service this year, but opposition parties still say Nova Scotian taxpayers deserve to know more.

Progressive Conservative MLA for Argyle-Barrington Chris d'Entremont said while ongoing ferry service is welcome news, the government's announcement Wednesday should have included more clarity and assurances.

The government announced it will pay up to \$13 million for the service in 2015. This comes in addition to the \$28.5 million the

government paid in the first year of the ferry service.

"What happens if the company runs out of money to operate before the season is finished?" asked d'Entremont. "Is there a contingency, or will taxpayers once again be surprised to find out they are on the hook for additional funds?"

D'Entremont said the Progressive Conservative caucus remains supportive of a ferry service, but believes Nova Scotians deserve a competent plan to get passengers using the service. For instance, d'Entremont said he is concerned that there

still isn't a long-term deal in place.

The agreement announced this week is for one year. The province will accept proposals for ferry service for the following year. The current operators will be invited to submit a proposal along with other potential operators.

"When I talk to the businesses in my area, and even here in Yarmouth, if they want to invest in their properties and they want to go to the bank and borrow money, there needs to be more than one year," he said.

D'Entremont said he is

pleased to see there is more transparency included in the agreement, which includes requiring Nova Star Cruises to report passenger numbers no later than 15 days after the end of each month.

NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald is also saying that Nova Scotians deserve to know how much money the Liberal government is willing to spend on a Yarmouth ferry service beyond this year.

"In about a year and a half the Liberals have given Nova Star more than \$40 million — that's a lot of money," said MacDonald. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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## Reserves. Indoor plumbing to cost \$165M, but only a fraction budgeted: Reports

Internal federal documents estimate it will cost \$165 million to replace government-issued slop pails with modern indoor plumbing on four of Canada's poorest reserves, but only a fraction of that has been budgeted.

Regional reports from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and obtained by The Canadian Press say \$22 million was budgeted in 2011 to install rudimentary indoor plumbing in hundreds of homes in a cluster of northern Manitoba reserves known as Island Lake.

The reports date back to the fall of 2013 and were received under access-to-information

legislation.

They say upgraded homes were outfitted with basic plumbing hooked up to individual water and sewage tanks. Although the reports repeatedly say much more money is needed for a community sewage system, no new money has been budgeted in more than three years.

"The project costs exceed available funding," states a report dated March 2014.

A spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said the minister was not available for comment and did not provide anyone to answer questions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## New Brunswick. Arrest made in python deaths

The man who owned the python that killed two young boys in New Brunswick in August 2013 has been arrested in the case, his lawyer said Thursday.

Leslie Matchim said Jean-Claude Savoie was arrested Thursday by police in the Montreal area, but he doesn't know what charge or charges his client may face.

Savoie moved from Campbellton, N.B., where the boys died to live in the Montreal area, Matchim said.

"It certainly by no means was any attempt to evade anything," Matchim said in an interview. "I've mentioned on several occasions in my dealings with the police where he is located."

Earlier Thursday, the RCMP said a person was arrested and is in custody in Quebec. Cpl. Chantal Farrah said no charges have been laid but the investi-



Noah Barthe, left, and Connor Barthe. The RCMP say one person has been arrested in the deaths of the boys who were asphyxiated by a python in August 2013. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

gation is ongoing.

Noah Barthe, 4, and his six-year-old brother Connor were found dead on Aug. 5, 2013, after an African rock python escaped its enclosure inside Savoie's apartment where they were staying for a sleepover.

The 4.3-metre long python asphyxiated the boys, autopsies said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Health

#### New measles case reported in Toronto

The measles count in Ontario rose Thursday, with officials in Toronto reporting they found another adult infected with the disease.

The infected person had received the recommended two doses of vaccine, said Lenore Bromley, media relations manager for Toronto Public Health. While the vaccine is considered highly effective, about five per cent of people who get two doses may not be fully protected.

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### Surveillance

#### Woman detained in China released, husband still jailed

China's Foreign Ministry says a Canadian woman detained with her husband on suspicion of stealing state secrets has been released on bail. Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said Thursday that Julia Garratt was released.

Hong said both have been charged with stealing secrets and spying and the woman's husband, Kevin, is now under criminal detention. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Big-city mayors talk funding

Mayors from big cities across the country are shown in Toronto, Thursday, at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Big Cities Summit: Canada's Cities, Canada's Future. The mayors hope to leverage a looming federal election into billions of dollars worth of commitments from Ottawa for transit, affordable housing and other big-money projects. The 18 mayors made no bones about their awareness that voters are set to go the polls sometime before November. While the politically diverse mayors would not as a group be looking to endorse a particular party, they weren't shy about wanting to see their needs attended to. Big cities account for about two-thirds of the country's population, they noted, but more importantly, nearly one half of the country's federal ridings — 142 seats — are in large urban centres.

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# Top court to release ruling on right to die

**Decision.** Landmark case could have far-reaching consequences

The country's top court is releasing what could be a landmark decision Friday on the right of the terminally ill to end their lives — a ruling that could have implications for Canada's aging population, as well as doctors and politicians.

The case has pitted the federal government against the Province of Quebec, divided doctors, and forced religious groups to face off against patients on the verge of dying.

Observers on both sides of the debate agree little, except the three possible outcomes.

The moral, legal and political issues raised by a debate that has polarized the country were sparked by an 89-year-old woman with a degenerative spinal condition who travelled

to Switzerland in 2010 to do something she could not do at home in Vancouver: end her life under medical supervision with the counsel, comfort and assistance of her family.

Kay Carter's daughter, Lee, brought the case before the courts in British Columbia and convinced a provincial court judge that a law making it a crime to help someone commit suicide is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The decision, overturned on appeal, has snaked its way up to the Supreme Court of Canada where the controversial question of euthanasia, assisted suicide and the sanctity of human life will be revisited more than two decades after the 1993 ruling barring ALS patient Sue Rodriguez from ending her life.

The Canadian Medical Association, which lobbies on behalf of the country's physicians, has said it is prepared to help lawmakers draft new rules if

government arguments on a variety of issues. Here are four cases:

- **April 11, 2014:** The government's Truth in Sentencing Act sought to stop judges from routinely giving inmates extra credit for time spent in jail before custody. The court rules judges have the discretion to allow up to 1.5 days credit for a day served pre-sentence.

### Possible outcomes

There are thought to be three possible outcomes of the Supreme Court ruling on whether to overturn laws on assisted suicide and euthanasia:

- **Judges maintain ban on end-of-life options:** This outcome would impact Quebec, where euthanasia has been legalized.
- **Judges reverse ban on end-of-life options:** This would force the federal government to rewrite sections of the Criminal Code, and could

force provinces to work on laws to provide euthanasia and assisted suicide for dying patients.

- **A split ruling to allow assisted suicide and uphold euthanasia ban:** This possible outcome would maintain the ban on end-of-life options, but would leave open the possibility of further legal fights brought by those whose physical disabilities prevent them from administering the lethal drugs necessary.

necessary, and recently adopted a policy allowing that in some cases of great suffering it may be appropriate to give in to a patient's request to die.

The coalition of groups opposed to the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide

are also optimistic about a ruling in their favour.

"It's the only safe decision for our society," said Nicolas Steenhout, director of Vivre dans la Dignité, a Montreal-based organization.

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## Supreme Court vs. government

The Supreme Court of Canada will rule Friday on the constitutionality of doctor-assisted suicide, a practice opposed by the Conservative government.

The court has, of late, repeatedly ruled against federal

- **March 21, 2014:** The court rules 6-1 that semi-retired Federal Court of Appeal Justice Marc Nadon, named to the Supreme Court by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in September 2013, is ineligible to sit. They find he does not meet the special criteria laid out for candidates from Quebec.

- **Dec. 20, 2013:** The court strikes down the country's laws prohibiting brothels, streetwalk-

ing and living off the avails of prostitution. The Harper government had strongly argued in favour of the laws. The 9-0 court decision gave the government a year to enact a new statute, which resulted in Bill C-36 being enacted last November. Many legal experts expect the new law will also face a constitutional challenge.

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**Talks.** German chancellor and French president to meet Putin in Moscow on Friday

The high-level diplomacy came as resurgent fighting killed eight more people in eastern Ukraine and fuelled fears the conflict is threatening Europe's overall security. More than 5,300 people have been killed since the fighting started

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The drama that has gripped Argentina since the mysterious death of President Cristina Fernandez's nemesis took a critical new twist Thursday when investigators called one of the country's most enigmatic spy chiefs to testify before them.

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"There was some sound next to me. It did not feel right shortly after takeoff. The engine did not feel right," the 72-year-old man told ETTV television Thursday from his hospital bed.

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## Clothing suppliers

## Ethical wear for federal workers

Mounties, prison guards and park wardens could soon be sporting duds made in an ethical way. Public Works — which buys uniforms and work wear for federal government employees — is giving serious thought to going to suppliers who follow strict labour laws and have good working conditions, a document shows. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Liquidation sale misses its Target

**Retail.** Promised 30% discount items hard to find, leaving bargain-hunters frustrated

Bargain hunters who expected to unearth major deals at their local Target stores on Thursday, the first day of its liquidation sale, were sure to be disappointed once they got a look at the prices.

Store signs that promised discounts of up to 30 per cent yielded to shelves with price cuts mostly in the 10- to 20-per-cent range.

"I'm not super-impressed, really," said Paul Boychuk, who walked into a Toronto Target store expecting better savings.

The elusive deeper discounts quickly became a conversation piece for customers who roamed the store aisles, discussing the savings, or lack of them, on their cellphones.

Liquidation sales began at Target's 133 stores across the country after an Ontario court gave the go-ahead for the sale on Wednesday, less than a month after the U.S. retailer announced its plans to leave Canada.

Despite some complaints, the 30-per-cent discount did exist — if shoppers were looking for cosmetics or women's accessories. Most everything



An employee hangs sale signs at a Target store on the first day of its closing liquidation sale in Toronto on Thursday. **DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

else in the store was reduced by less, with clearance sales on items such as diapers, dishes, and most electronics discounted by 10 per cent.

Apple products, such as the iPad and iPod Touch, were just five per cent off.

Customer traffic spiked at Target locations across the country compared with an average day at the store.

Lineups began forming outside one location in Toronto before sunrise as hopeful shoppers looked to be first inside for the best buys. By the time employees threw open the doors, more than 50 people had gathered and within an hour several hundred were walking the aisles.

Olivia Dupuis was an occa-

sional Target Canada shopper during the company's brighter days and said Target's departure will leave a retail hole. "It was a one-stop shop ... I liked certain brands they had, so I'll miss that," she said at a Toronto store.

As with most liquidations, the discounts are likely to grow as time goes by and the company looks to clear out product that hasn't sold. Target hopes to be out of Canada before the summer with the goal of closing all of its stores by mid-May.

Not everyone will miss Target Canada, including Boychuk, who said he finds the best deals on e-commerce retailer Amazon.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Hacking. Sony Pictures head gets reassigned

Amy Pascal will step down as co-chairwoman of Sony Pictures Entertainment and head of the film studio, nearly three months after a massive hack hit the company and revealed embarrassing emails.

Pascal, one of the most powerful women in Hollywood and the force behind such critical and commercial hits as *The Social Network* and *American Hustle*, will launch a major new production venture at the studio focused on movies, television and theatre, Sony Pictures said Thursday. Her career with Sony has spanned nearly 20 years.

During the hack, Pascal came under fire for racist remarks about U.S. President Barack Obama's presumed choice in movies that surfaced in leaked emails. Pascal



Amy Pascal, Sony Pictures Entertainment co-chairwoman. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

also faced criticism for green-lighting the film that may have inspired the hacking to begin with: *The Interview*.

Pascal will transition to the new venture in May. Sony Pictures will finance Pascal under a four-year contract.

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## DVD rentals. Redbox pulling out of Canada

DVD and Blu-ray rental company Redbox is shutting down its Canadian operations and pulling its rental kiosks out of Canada.

Chicago-based Redbox announced Thursday that it made the decision after failing to generate sufficient business at its 1,400 rental kiosks across the country.

In a telephone interview from Los Angeles, company president Mark Horak said the last date for rentals will be Feb. 13, with the last re-

turn date on March 5.

Most of the kiosks and their contents are expected to be removed and returned to the United States by the end of March.

Asked how many employees and contractors would be affected by the shutdown, Horak would say only "very few."

Redbox landed in Canada in mid-2012 and set up most of its machines at grocery and convenience stores.

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### THE KOHLER REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

For the most part, Canada hasn't dealt with Prohibition since the 1920s (though P.E.I. was dry until 1948, suckers) and I'm not saying we deal with Prohibition now, but if you take a look around this country, it might feel like you're at least dealing with Prohibition's stubborn grandchild.

For a brief moment, it looked like the idea of selling beer in corner stores was back on the table here in Ontario, but that wish/dream/desperate longing was thwarted this week when Premier Kathleen Wynne announced that while changes are coming, convenience store beer would not be one of them.

Ontario is not alone in its archaic, condescending liquor laws. Aside from Quebec, and Newfoundland and Labrador, most provinces do not allow the sale of beer in corner stores, instead selling the beverage in a mix of highly regulated public and privately-owned stores. Why is buying beer almost as annoying as renewing my health card?

The history is deep. In most provinces,

when Prohibition came to an end and average citizens were again able to legally purchase alcohol, they needed a permit, kind of like a driver's licence, to do so.

Every time you went to your Liquor Control Board, you had to show this permit and the clerk would make a record of what you purchased. Man, I'd be pretty embarrassed if someone had a record of every trip I've made to a liquor store. It would be a novel by now, I'd title it Chianti: A Love Story.

So it's great that things have changed a smidge since early post-Prohibition Canada, I'm also thrilled I'm able to vote as a woman. But it's still no picnic. Meanwhile, you can buy booze in grocery and convenience stores in the U.K., New Zealand, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Malta, the list is pretty much never-ending. In Japan you can buy beer from street vending machines! And in the States, you can get liquor at the pharmacy, which admittedly grosses me out. Picking up your gout medication at the same place you'll be scoring a bottle of Jack? Settle down, now. But that said, these countries are not falling apart at the seams, and they are not overrun by zombie-like drunks.

What is the worry? That people will all of

### Booze hogs, not bozos

**The governments aren't stupid. They saw how much money bootleggers made during Prohibition and they wanted a piece of it.**

a sudden start guzzling beer just because it's there? That we'll all turn into Barney Gumble from the Simpsons? I guess our governments think this is best for us. But, is it? Think of a hectic Saturday when you have a bunch of errands to run: Dry cleaning, a stop at Canadian Tire, a kids' birthday party drop-off, now grocery shopping and while you're picking out a roast beef you realize, "Frig. I have to go to the liquor store." Now you're late, driving in a rush, you're stressed, you forget to pick up your kids, they develop abandonment issues. Pandemonium!

Then there are places like Nunavut where there are no liquor stores — you have to order alcohol by mail — a precaution taken to help curb alcoholism and stave off drinking-related crimes.

Sadly, this has not helped and thanks to

bootleggers and other providers of illegally sourced alcohol, they're still boozing it up there.

This has less to do with protecting us from our bad habits and more to do with money. The governments aren't stupid. They saw how much money bootleggers made during Prohibition and they wanted a piece of it. In fact, in Ontario, it was the government that decided to start selling alcohol again after the people voted against the idea (don't even get me started on those bozos).

And to this day, the government profits greatly every time you get your bevvy on — because it knows people are going to drink and they will find a way to do it. Sure, I whine about the walk to the liquor store, but does it stop me from going? No way. I'd crawl there if I had to.

This is a charade! The government "protects us" by keeping our liquor in a cookie jar on a high-up shelf but it's like, "Dude, I know where the ladder is. Could we just keep the cookies on the counter? I have things to do."

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca\_kohler

## Happy face/Sad face

From double disgraces to temper tantrums by beautiful faces, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



### LYING LANCE

Here we are again, shaking our heads at Lance Armstrong. This time it's over the disgraced cyclist's admission that he hit a couple of parked cars in Aspen, then let his girlfriend take the blame. Armstrong said he was trying to protect his teenagers from seeing his name in the papers again. Well played, Lance. Well played.



### TODDLERS AND TIARAS AND TANTRUMS

This week in sore-loser news, the runner-up in the Miss Amazon pageant snatched the tiara off the winner's head, threw it down and stormed off stage like, well, a toddler. Sheilane Hayalla claimed her rival, Carol Toledo, bought the title.



### NENSHI MANIA

Finally, a Canadian mayor is making international headlines for all the right reasons. Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi has been named the best mayor in the world by U.K. research group City Mayors Foundation. Nenshi beat out 120 other mayors to win the title. (Cowboy) hats off to you, Mr. Nenshi!



### PUT DOWN THE PHONE!

It's a sign of the times, we suppose. This photo of a boater in California has gone viral after the man was seen texting while a humpback whale breached beside him. Witnesses said he never looked away from his phone and missed the whole thing.



### A MILE IN HIS SHOES

A Detroit man who walks 34 kilometres every day to get to work may soon be getting a much-needed car — at least — thanks to a crowdfunding campaign that's raised more than \$230,000. James Robertson, who makes \$11 an hour at a job not accessible by transit, has been walking to work in all weather for 10 years. He's never been late and never missed a day.





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# It's our fault that movies are dull

**Analysis.** As audiences flock to see films based on comic books, video games and old TV shows, more serious and original movies get lost in the shuffle

Who's to blame for Hollywood's current lack of originality?

Are the suits too eager to green-light reboots and sequels?

Are screenwriters so uninspired that they can't think past remaking their favourite 1980s TV shows?

Do actors only consider characters based on video games?

Of course not.

The people responsible for the movie doldrums these days live in your mirrors and selfies.

That's right. If you go to the cinema and didn't check out *Birdman*, *Whiplash* or *Obvious Child*, but did go see *Guardians of the Galaxy* 25 times, you forced Hollywood's hand, guaranteeing another 10 years of the big-screen exploits of comic-book characters, *Rocket Raccoon* and company.

*Guardians* is a fun movie that people liked and Hollywood is in the business of giving moviegoers what they want.

But the fear is that a constant stream of familiar-feeling films could create a less-discerning audience. If you are fed a steady diet of dog food, eventually you'll get used to the taste.

*Birdman* is an accessible and entertaining movie. But with a total gross of less than one weekend's business for



Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis star in *Jupiter Ascending*. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

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*Guardians*, it's unlikely to inspire a *Birdman 2: No Plucking Way*.

However, a bigger box office take for films like *Birdman* could inspire more adventurous films, as an antidote to the slew of movies with numbers in their titles.

Big budget Hollywood doesn't often take the path less trodden.

People went to see *Inception*, but I would argue the reference point for that movie was director

Christopher Nolan — hot off the *Batman* streak — and not the unique story.

Less successful were originals like *Edge of Tomorrow*, despite the usually winning mix of great reviews and Tom Cruise, and *Transcendence*, the computer hard drive horror that brought Johnny Depp's box office average way down.

Despite those high-profile failures, this weekend, Warner Brothers has gone off the map to show support for an original story from The Matrix directors, the Wachowskis.

*Jupiter Ascending* is a space opera about genetic-

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**SpongeBob SquarePants: A Sponge Out of Water**

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**Outcast**

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ally engineered warrior Caine (Channing Tatum) who helps human janitor Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis) take her place as heir to the galaxy.

Big stars, big-name directors and a new story should appeal, but already the knives are out.

"*Jupiter Ascending* looks like a great movie," wrote @RickIngraham on twitter, "to never see."

*Jupiter Ascending* will rise or fall based on audience interest, but if it tanks, it'll be harder for other unusual stories to get made.

There are already at least 30 sequels, reboots and spin-offs scheduled for 2015 — everything from *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* to *Paul Blart: Mall Cop II* — so unless you want another *Daddy Day Care* reboot in 2016, get out of your comfort zone and see something new and original today.

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## Kinky sex can be funny, disturbing or loving

**Sinful sizzle.** Movies that explore the world of alternative sexuality often tell deeper tales of human connection

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While negatively reviewing Ken Russell's wildly kinky 1984 thriller *Crimes of Passion*, the late, great Roger Ebert said, "sex is an activity of great and serious importance to its participants but, as a spectator sport, it has a strange way of turning into comedy."

Certainly, Russell, enfant terrible that he was, took great delight in orchestrating scenes of graphic, unnatural S&M sexuality in that bizarre film. But *Crimes of Passion* was not camp.

It was really just one of many controversial motion pictures that use extreme kink as a tool to tell deeper

tales of extreme human connection.

With the release of Peter Strickland's deeply kinky romance *The Duke of Burgundy*, opening soon across Canada, and the filmed adaptation of E.L. James' *Fifty Shades of Grey* opening on Valentine's Day weekend, we take a look at some of the big screen's most excessive forays into alternative carnal knowledge.

### **The Night Porter (1974)**

Liliana Cavani's dark, controversial sado-masochistic drama is as demented as they come, detailing an ongoing relationship between a concentration camp survivor played by Charlotte Rampling and her former Nazi captor. Love stories don't get stranger than this. And yes, Ebert hated it.

### **Blue Velvet (1986)**

David Lynch's masterpiece of small-town mystery and murder is, at its core, an S&M love triangle. But while Dennis Hopper's wheezing villain Frank Booth treats Isabella Rossellini as an outlet



**The Duke of Burgundy** is a master-slave lesbian romance, and a must-see film, says critic Chris Alexander. CONTRIBUTED

for his violent insanity, her masochistic lovemaking with Kyle McLachlan is tender and affectionate. A work of great beauty — and perversity.

### **Exit to Eden (1994)**

Sitcom king Gary Marshall

takes Anne Rice's moving and hyper-erotic sado-masochistic romance novel and, seemingly agreeing with Ebert's sentiments, flips it into a sex-soaked slapstick comedy, inventing goofball roles for Rosie O'Donnell and Dan

Akroyd as leather-clad cops snooping around an S&M resort, and decimating the dirty dignity of the book. Rice was none too pleased.

### **Nymphomaniac (2014)**

Lars von Trier's magnum

### **The Duke of Burgundy**

Peter Strickland's gorgeously designed and directed master-slave lesbian romance is a delicate, surreal examination of an older intellectual and her youthful protégée, with the older woman trying to hold on to her lover by indulging in her basest perverted fantasies. Although decidedly adult, there is refreshingly no nudity or explicit sex in the film. Never has the idea of a human toilet seemed so innocent. A must-see.

pornographic opus is in essence an inspiring study in female empowerment, although one exploding with jaw-dropping sequences of mind-bending kinky sex and violence. Charlotte Gainsbourg delivers the performance of a lifetime, even when using her body as a receptacle for some of the most extreme debauchery ever seen on screen.

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# Quinto, Wilkinson could join Oliver Stone's Snowden movie

**Casting.** Roles of two Guardian journalists and filmmaker Laura Poitras are up for grabs

Melissa Leo, Zachary Quinto and Tom Wilkinson are in talks to board Oliver Stone's forthcoming Edward Snowden movie, which will centre on the former NSA contractor who leaked classified documents to the press in 2013, TheWrap reveals.

Leo is negotiating the role of filmmaker Laura Poitras, who helmed the 2014 documentary Citizenfour on the Snowden story. Wilkinson and Quinto are in talks to play the journalists Ewen MacAskill and Glenn Greenwald, respectively, who helped Snowden to disseminate the confidential documents he obtained from the American agencies.

The infamous former CIA employee and NSA contractor will be played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt (Don Jon), while Shailene Woodley

(Divergent) will play his girlfriend. Scott Eastwood (Fury) will play an NSA agent.

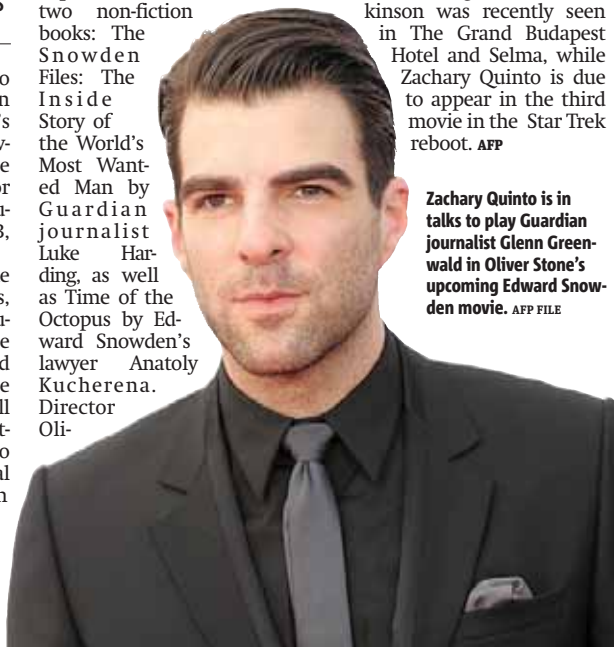
The untitled project is expected to draw on two non-fiction books: The Snowden

Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man by Guardian journalist Luke Harding, as well as Time of the Octopus by Edward Snowden's lawyer Anatoly Kucherena. Director Oli-

ver Stone is slated to begin principal photography soon.

Melissa Leo earned an Oscar in 2011 for her supporting role in The Fighter. Tom Wilkinson was recently seen in The Grand Budapest Hotel and Selma, while Zachary Quinto is due to appear in the third movie in the Star Trek reboot. **AFP**

Zachary Quinto is in talks to play Guardian journalist Glenn Greenwald in Oliver Stone's upcoming Edward Snowden movie. **AFP FILE**



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# From Ned Stark to immortal Internet meme

## Actor interview.

Sean Bean talks about web fame and working with the Wachowskis on *Jupiter Ascending*

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Sean Bean has made a career in big-budget genre fare, from James Bond to *The Lord of the Rings* to *Game of Thrones*.

His latest sends him to outer space with co-directors Andy and Lana Wachowski for *Jupiter Ascending*, in which Bean plays a human-bee hybrid helping an unwitting earthling (Mila Kunis) embrace her true heritage as one of the most powerful beings in the universe.

That career of his, by the way, has also inspired an entire sub-genre of Internet memes, remixing his more famous lines for commentary on sports, politics,



Sean Bean plays a human-bee hybrid helping out earthling Jupiter (Mila Kunis) in *Jupiter Ascending*. CONTRIBUTED

pop culture or anything, really. Not that he necessarily knows what a meme is, exactly.

**When you're working with the Wachowskis, do you ever play one off of the other, since you have two directors?**

You mean try and get one pissed off with the other one?

**Say you don't necessarily like the direction one of them's giving you...**

No, no (laughs). It was quite good, really, because if Andy was directing, Lana would take a back seat, and vice versa. It was actually kind of hard to distinguish because they were so kind of focused and singular in what they wanted to get. They have kind of different

styles. I guess Andy was a bit more physically oriented than Lana. She was more cerebral and low-key in the sense that she wanted a very kind of even reading, a very natural kind of rendition. I guess, because we were in a sci-fi film, it's quite easy to push it maybe too much, and she didn't like that. She liked it quieter, which I totally agree with. It's an

interesting kind of thing to think about. People don't actually declaim everything. Every scene you're in, if you've got one line, sometimes it's important but it's not, you know, in the scheme of things it's just a simple, natural reading. That was quite interesting, listening to them and improving it in terms of what we were doing.

**How aware are you of the Internet memes built up around your characters?**

Kind of, I think. Yes, I saw one that said, "One does not simply walk into Bramall Lane," which I thought was quite good because my soccer team is Sheffield United. We played the Spurs the other night, and that was the thing: "One does not simply walk into Bramall Lane."

**What is it like to actually be an Internet meme?**

Is that what it is, a meme? I'm a meme? It's quite good, yeah. And it can be applied to lots of situations, that

## More online!

- As a special treat, we got Sean Bean to indulge us by doing a live-reading of some of the more ridiculous Sean Bean Memes we could come up with. Go online to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) to see the results. You won't be sorry.



"One does not simply ..." line. Yeah, it's great.

**Also, on behalf of all people named Ned, I wanted to thank you for giving us someone cool in pop culture with our name.** Oh yeah. Ned Stark, yeah. I don't really meet a lot of Neds. It's an unusual name. What's it short for, Edward? That's a good name.

**My mom seems to think so.** Definitely a good name, yeah.

## Now in theatres

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to [RottenTomatoes.com](http://RottenTomatoes.com).

Ratings: Certified Fresh: 🍅 Fresh: 🍅 Rotten: 🍌 Audience response: 🍌 Audience anticipation for the film: +

### Animated



## The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

Director. Paul Tibbitt

Stars. Tom Kenny

SpongeBob SquarePants, the world's favourite sea-dwelling invertebrate, comes ashore to our world for his most super-heroic adventure yet.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍅 77% Audience: + 89%

### Drama



## Seventh Son

Director. Sergey Bodrov

Stars. Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore

In a time long past, an evil is about to be unleashed that will reignite the war between the forces of the supernatural and humankind once more. Master Gregory is a knight who had imprisoned the malevolently powerful witch, Mother Malkin, centuries ago. But now she has escaped and is seeking vengeance.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: No reviews yet Audience: 🍌 51%

### Comedy



## Jupiter Ascending

Director. Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Stars. Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum

From the streets of Chicago to the far-flung galaxies whirling through space, *Jupiter Ascending* tells the story of Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis), who was born under a night sky, with signs predicting she was destined for great things.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍌 37% Audience: + 97%

### Drama



## Mr. Turner

Director. Mike Leigh

Stars. Timothy Spall, Paul Jesson

This film explores the last quarter century of the great if eccentric British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍅 98% Audience: 🍌 90%

### Action



## Mortdecai

Director. David Koepp

Stars. Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow

Juggling some angry Russians, the British MI5, his impossibly leggy wife and an international terrorist, debonair art dealer and part-time rogue Charlie Mortdecai (Johnny Depp) must traverse the globe armed only with his good looks and special charm in a race to recover a stolen painting rumoured to have the code to a bank account filled with Nazi gold.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍌 12% Audience: 🍌 41%

### Mystery/Sci-Fi



## Project Almanac

Director. Dean Israelite

Stars. Sophia Black-D'Elia, Jonny Weston

A brilliant high school student and his friends uncover blueprints for a mysterious device with limitless potential, inadvertently putting lives in danger.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍌 36% Audience: 🍌 52%



# Lego Movie songwriter is sorry for the earworm

**Awards season.** Jaunty tune called Everything is Awesome has gotten a bit too ubiquitous for musician's relatives

Canadian-reared songwriter Joshua Bartholomew and his wife Lisa Rae Harriton co-wrote the earworm Everything is Awesome from The Lego Movie — and he's very sorry.

"I've apologized to so many people," Bartholomew said in a recent telephone interview. "I live in L.A. now but most of my family is back in Canada, and many of them are educators, teachers.

"I got so many emails and texts saying: 'What have you done?' All their students were singing it."

Bartholomew and Harriton, who together go by Jo Li, were invited aboard the Lego project by the movie's studio after Shawn Patterson crafted the song's first draft.

Now, the jaunty tune is in the running at Sunday's 57th



A still from the Lego Movie CONTRIBUTED

Grammy Awards (for best song written for visual media) and at the Oscars on Feb. 22 (for best original song), although Patterson is the only contributor named on the Oscar nod.

The pair reworked a "couple things" from Patterson's version, changed lyrics

and, most drastically, altered the production in their own take, which they sang together. That recording of the song appears in the film, while a version by Calgary's Tegan and Sara was released as a single.

Bartholomew, 30, says producers requested a tune that served a dual purpose.

"First they wanted it to be a song that was this oppressive, Orwellian, catchy sort of song that brainwashed everybody in the Lego community to follow their rules," he explained. "But it had to turn around at the end of the movie and become their anthem of freedom."



Songwriter Joshua Bartholomew CONTRIBUTED

Bartholomew has written songs for Emerson Drive (Let Your Love Speak) and Esthero (Over) while releasing music under his own name as well. He says he's in the process of getting a band off the ground with Nick Perri, brother of Jar of Hearts singer Christina Perri.

But this is certainly a game-changing hit for the cheerful Bartholomew, who is now settled down south.

His dad was in the military, and Bartholomew grew up on the move, spending most of his life in Alliston, Ont. His musical parents surrounded him with instruments and he learned drums, piano, guitar and bass before his adolescence was through.

"You have a lot of time in Canada in the winter," he chuckled. "It gets cold. You hole up inside and figure out how to get stuff done."

In January 2011, Bartholomew wandered down to L.A., intending to meet with publishers for a few weeks. He didn't leave. He lived in a trailer and built the social circle that eventually helped him and his wife land the blockbuster Lego gig.

"Now my wife and I have a house. I sold the trailer," he said. "I do miss it though. I grew up in Canada, camping in the summer for the whole summer by the lake. I'm definitely a nomad by nature."

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## Film fest. Binoche stars as Arctic explorer's wife



From left, Japanese actress Rinko Kikuchi, Spanish director Isabel Coixet, French actress Juliette Binoche and Irish actor Gabriel Byrne at the photo call for the film Nobody Wants The Night during the 2015 Berlin International Film Festival on Thursday. JOEL RYAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Berlin International Film Festival is getting underway with the first of 19 contenders for the event's top Golden Bear honour — a movie starring Juliette Binoche as the wife of an Arctic explorer.

Nobody Wants the Night, directed by Isabel Coixet and starring Binoche as Josephine Peary, premieres Thursday, kicking off a typically varied competition at the year's first major European film festival.

Rivals include Terrence Mallick's new Knight of Cups, Werner Herzog's Queen of the Desert, and films from Vietnam, Guatemala and Romania.

This year's seven-member festival jury is headed by American director Darren Aronofsky. Winners of the Golden Bear are notoriously hard to predict; last year, the honour went to Chinese director Diao Yinan's Black Coal, Thin Ice.

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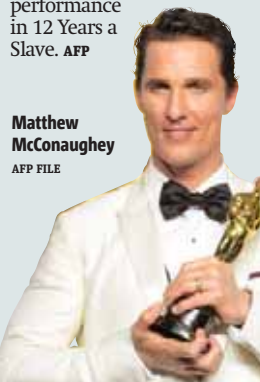
### Academy Awards

#### Blanchett, Leto, McConaughey to present at Oscars

On Feb. 22, Cate Blanchett, Jared Leto, Matthew McConaughey and Lupita Nyong'o will return to the stage at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood to present awards to their successors.

In 2014, Blanchett took home a statuette for her performance in Woody Allen's Blue Jasmine. Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto, meanwhile, claimed the awards for best actor and best supporting actor, respectively, for their roles in Dallas Buyers Club. Lupita Nyong'o won the award for best supporting actress through her performance in 12 Years a Slave. AFP

Matthew McConaughey  
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## Wishful winners vs. likely winners

The Grammy Awards go live Sunday and you've forgotten who was nominated, haven't you? It's all right. Here are the nominations for the main awards. The ones we think will win are in green, and the ones we hope will win are in purple.

### Record of the Year

- **Fancy** — Iggy Azalea featuring Charli XCX
- **Chandelier** — Sia
- Stay with Me (Darkchild Version) — Sam Smith
- Shake It Off — Taylor Swift
- All About That Bass — Meghan Trainor

### Album of the Year

- Morning Phase — Beck
- **Beyoncé** — **Beyoncé**
- x — Ed Sheeran
- In the Lonely Hour — Sam Smith
- G I R L — Pharrell Williams

### Song of the Year

- **All About That Bass**
- Chandelier
- Shake It Off
- Stay with Me (Darkchild Version)
- **Take Me to Church**

### Best New Artist

- **Iggy Azalea**
- Bastille
- Brandy Clark
- HAIM
- **Sam Smith**

### Best Pop Solo Performance

- All of Me (Live) — John Legend
- **Chandelier** — Sia
- Stay With Me (Darkchild Version) — Sam Smith
- **Shake It Off** — Taylor Swift
- Happy (Live) — Pharrell Williams

### Best Pop Duo/Group Performance

- Fancy — Iggy Azalea feat. Charli XCX
- A Sky Full of Stars — Coldplay
- Say Something — A Great Big World and Christina Aguilera
- **Bang Bang** — **Jessie J, Ariana Grande, & Nicki Minaj**
- Dark Horse — Katy Perry feat. Juicy J

### Best Pop Vocal Album

- Ghost Stories — Coldplay
- Bangerz — Miley Cyrus
- My Everything — Ariana Grande
- Prism — Katy Perry
- x — Ed Sheeran
- **In the Lonely Hour** — **Sam Smith**

### Best Rap Album

- **The New Classic** — **Iggy Azalea**
- **Because the Internet** — **Childish Gambino**
- Nobody's Smiling — Common
- The Marshall Mathers LP 2 — Eminem
- Oxymoron — Schoolboy Q
- Blacc Hollywood — Wiz Khalifa

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When you get music's biggest names — and egos — all in one room, you can expect drama to ensue. From frenemies, to relationship drama, and trash talk about who really deserves to win, the 57th Grammy Awards are shaping up to be the most controversial yet. Here's what to keep an eye out for

EMILY LAURENCE

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## Everyone has an opinion about Iggy Azalea

As soon as it was announced that Iggy Azalea was nominated for Best Rap Album (up against Childish Gambino, Common, Schoolboy Q, Wiz Khalifa and Eminem), musicians didn't hold back declaring how they felt, especially those who feel she is appropriating black culture, including Q-Tip and Solange Knowles. Most publicly, Banks slammed her in an interview with *Hot 97* saying, "The Grammys are supposed to be awards for artistic excellence. Iggy Azalea is not excellent." Azalea also has a public feud going on with Eminem, also nominated, after he alluded to rape while mentioning her in his song *Vegas*. Given all the drama, Best Rap Album is the award on everyone's mind.

Iggy Azalea GETTY IMAGES

# 5 controversies about this year's Grammys



Beyoncé GETTY IMAGES

## Sam Smith rumoured by some to beat out Beyoncé

Nominees for the night's biggest award, Album of the Year, include Beck, Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith and Pharrell Williams. While Beyoncé has become the most nominated female artist in Grammy history with 46 nominations in all (including 17 wins), insiders predict that Sam Smith will overtake the queen. It's a new artist versus a proven pro and the competition is fierce.

## Will Selena Gomez show up with Zedd?

Between their flirty Instagrams and constant sightings together, the rumour mill is abuzz that Zedd has replaced Justin Bieber as the leading man in Gomez's life. But seeing as though they haven't made things "official" yet, the red carpet watch is in full effect. Will they use this moment as their chance to confirm the relationship. You watching, Biebs?



Selena Gomez and Zedd GETTY IMAGES



Katy Perry GETTY IMAGES

## The Bad Blood between Taylor Swift and Katy Perry continues

Swift and Perry still haven't buried the hatchet for their public frenemy drama, and given that both singers are nominated, they'll both be there, with their game faces on. How far away will they be sitting from each other? Will they run into each other on the red carpet or at any after parties? Will they shock everyone by posing for a photo together? One thing is sure, we'll all be watching.

## Will Ariana Grande show up Madonna?

Madonna may be 56 years old, but she's not slowing down any time soon. Her 13th album *Rebel Heart* is out later this year and she's performing for the fifth time at the Grammys. But does she still have what it takes to compete with chart-topping teen favourites, like Ariana Grande? Grande has publicly declared her love for Madonna, but she could outshine her idol with her own performance. Tune in to see which pop star has the best performance.



Ariana Grande  
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# Now we'll Sia. Singer turns heads with hits

**The Grammys.** Showing her face or not, reclusive songwriter Sia earns recognition as pop star

Think it's tough to catch a glimpse of Sia's face during her performances these days? Try booking an interview with the reclusive singer.

The performer, who has risen in the pop music ranks thanks to writing hits for female stars and hitting the charts with her own tunes, has dodged press and even turns her head during live performances. The creative campaign for her latest album, 1000 Forms of Fear, was a success thanks to radio airplay and its highly viewed music videos starring Maddie Ziegler of Dance Moms. Sia's album debuted at No. 1 and Chandelier became a multi-platinum international success.

She even earned four Grammy nominations — though she's not sure she'll attend the big show on Sunday.

"I know, it's getting a little close," longtime manager David Russell said in an interview last week (Sia, obviously, wouldn't be interviewed for this story). "It remains to be seen what we'll do."

Sia and Chandelier earned nominations in the top categories, including song and record of the year.

Russell, who has worked with Sia for more than a decade, said they didn't see the commercial success coming.

"We didn't anticipate that



Pop singer Sia. GETTY IMAGES

kind of reaction, but that fact that that's come has been extraordinary," he said.

Last year marked a breakthrough for 39-year-old Sia, who released her first album in 1997. After writing for a slew of singers, from Rihanna (Diamonds) to Beyoncé (Pretty Hurts), she finally saw her own Top 40 success with Chandelier, a song she originally thought she might send to Rihanna. The writing success came around the time Sia co-starred on David Guetta's Titanium, a song the mega-producer had to convince her to do.

Russell says Alicia Keys was originally considered for Titanium, and even Mary J. Blige cut the track.

"It simply came down to David begging that Sia stay on the record, and wisely she agreed," Russell said. "I mean, it literally happened like two days after she was like, 'That's it. I'm done making my own records. I'm just going to be

## Battling addiction

Manager David Russell said people should pay attention to his client, "a woman who is 39 years old and isn't trading on sex or accessibility."

- He also adds that Sia's grown over the years, especially watching her get sober.
- "Getting to a place of recognizing you have an addiction issue and then taking the strides, the major strides it takes to combat that issue, I can't think of anything more important that she's achieved than finding that spiritual centre and finding sobriety," he said.

a behind-the-scenes writer now."

Russell says at the time, Sia was becoming famous and it began to make her "feel really uncomfortable" and "really unhappy, so she wanted to put the brakes on that."

But Titanium became a seminal moment for Sia, which was followed by another Top 10 hit, Flo Rida's Wild Ones, which she also sang on and co-wrote.

Sia also has written for Katy Perry, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Kylie Minogue.

Sia's other Grammy nominations include best pop solo performance and music video for Chandelier.

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Your  
wowzers, I can't  
believe it's almost  
**Valentine's Day**,  
so I sure hope they still have  
**flowers** to go with  
the **chocolates** that  
are still frozen in my car  
along with the **teddy bear**  
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## Aniston and Theroux hung up on the prenup?



Now solidly in their third year of being engaged, Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux are still apparently having trouble working out the finer details of their prenuptial agreement, according to *Us Weekly* — or at least one detail of it.

The sticking point? Whether Theroux should be entitled to any of Aniston's earnings from Netflix for the recent *Friends* deal. "The prenup is pretty much done," a source says. "Jen won't see money from Netflix for about a year, so there has been back and forth about whether her earnings will be considered from during or before their marriage."

## Felicity Joneses for the simpler things

The *Theory of Everything* star might seem like one classy dame.

I mean, she's British, she tends to focus on high-brow material and she made the first fold of this year's *Vanity Fair* Hollywood cover.

But her personal tastes might surprise you. For instance, she tells *The Violet Files*, she has a weakness for Chicken McNuggets and Britney Spears' ... Baby One More Time — which she sings in the shower. And as for TV? Jones is apparently a *Keeping up with the Kardashians* fan. No, really.

"Watching their show is so relaxing," she insists. "It's how I switch off. And they all have an incredible work ethic, don't they?" Do they?



### Gossip

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Johnny Depp and Amber Heard. |GETTY IMAGES

## You Heard it here first: Amber and Johnny already hitched

If you were still shopping for a present for Johnny Depp and Amber Heard ahead of their rumoured wedding this weekend, you're too late.

The happy couple — who announced their engagement

in December 2012 — reportedly tied the knot at their home in Los Angeles on Tuesday, *People* magazine reports.

Depp and Heard are still expected to hold their intimate-yet-lavish wedding

on his private island in the Bahamas this weekend for 50 or so of their closest friends, but they went ahead and got the legal part out of the way already. "He's completely in love and can't wait," a source tells *E!* News. Clearly.



## Justin Bieber masters the art of the understatement

This 'Justin Bieber, totally humble dude' campaign is apparently just getting warmed up, as the supposedly reformed pipsqueak followed up his visit to Ellen and subsequent soul-searching Facebook apology video with yet another stop on Ellen DeGeneres' couch this week.

"It was the first time I was on television for a long time, and I just was worried about what people were thinking about me. Like I said last time, I did a lot of things over the past few years that I'm not proud of," Bieber

says, bringing the idea of stating the obvious to whole new levels.

Also, maybe we shouldn't be making fun so much, because it hurts his feelings: "With their comments and stuff, (people) think it doesn't get to me. But it gets to me," he says. "Things that people say bother me and I gotta be strong enough to just keep it pushing. That's why I just wanted to make a video to just let people know that I'm human. I love people. I love love."

Apparently, though, Bieber hasn't yet learned the rule about not mixing plaids with animal prints — or just not wearing leopard-print sneakers at all. Sorry, can't help myself.

## Mila Kunis taking full advantage of her new assets

Being a new mother comes with all sorts of amazing gifts, but Mila Kunis is focusing on two in particular.

"Boy did these things grow," she tells Conan O'Brien during an interview, referring to her breasts.

"I don't know how to deal with them because I've never had them. So I always dress for a flat-chested girl, and all of a sudden I'm busty and I'm like, 'Whoa! Check it out!' This is amazing for me. It's a whole new world."



Mila Kunis



Jimmy Fallon and the former cast of *Saved by the Bell* re-enact a scene from the beloved '90s sitcom. HANDOUT

## Reunited cast of Bell have a blast at Bayside with Fallon

For his run of shows out of Los Angeles, Jimmy Fallon has promised a lot of special treats on *The Tonight Show*, and last night he certainly delivered.

Fallon pulled off a near-complete *Saved by the Bell* reunion with a skit chronicling his last day as a student at the fabled '90s high school before running off to New York to become a comedian.

For the bit, Fallon roped in Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Elizabeth Berkley, Mario Lopez, Dennis Haskins (that's Mr. Belding to you) and — most impressively — Tiffani Thiessen and got them into pretty perfect approximations of their old wardrobes — giant mobile phone and all.

Fallon had tried for several years during his *Late Night* run to get the various cast members together for a reunion, but Thiessen always proved



Jimmy Fallon

elusive, even prompting her to make a *Funny or Die* video explaining why she was too busy. But I guess her schedule freed up.

But where were Lark Voorhies and recently arrested Dustin Diamond? No one seemed to mention their absence. Funny that.



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**Dinner.** Endive, Peach and Sausage Pizza combines unlikely textures and flavours



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## Pizza Dough

1. In bowl, combine water, oil and sugar. Set aside.

2. In bowl with wooden spoon, combine flour, yeast and salt. Add water mix and combine into soft ball. Knead dough 3 minutes on floured surface.

3. Place dough in clean and lightly oiled bowl. Cover bowl with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm and humid place for about 1 hour or until the dough doubles in size.

## Pizza Toppings

1. With rack in lowest position, place pizza stone or an upside-down baking sheet in the oven. Preheat the oven to 450 F (230 C).

2. In bowl, combine endives, onion, sausage and oil. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Cut dough into four pieces. On floured work surface, roll out four 10-inch (25 cm) round

## Ingredients

### Pizza Dough

- 1 cup (250 ml) warm water
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 3/4 cups (385 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp instant dry yeast (quick-rising)
- 1/2 tsp salt

### Pizza Toppings

- 4 medium-sized endives, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup (150 g) Rosette de Lyon sausage, cut into 1/4-inch (1/2 cm) dice
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- 2 cups (200 g) grated Gruyère cheese
- 2 ripe but firm peaches, sliced
- Salt and pepper

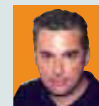
crusts. Sprinkle a little cornmeal on hot stone or baking sheet. Use sheet of parchment paper that will allow you to easily slide the dough in the oven.

4. Spread quarter of endive mixture on each crust and sprinkle with quarter of cheese. Bake on hot stone or baking sheet for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Repeat with the remaining crusts.

5. Garnish pizza with peach slices. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.**

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## Think outside the pizza box



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I love pizza.

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The infinite variety of toppings to choose from makes pizza one of the most versatile wine-pairing opportunities.

I gravitate towards a meatier pie and a glass of red Italian Chianti, but this week's recipe from Chef Ricardo really thinks outside the pizza box. It's not the combination of sausage and endive that's unique. It's the addition of peaches that really makes for an interesting slice.

Both endive and peaches prefer a white wine with a touch of sweetness, and the Viognier and Chenin Blanc grapes provide enough sugary goodness while still finishing fairly dry.

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# Streakers strike again at Scotiabank Centre

**QMJHL.** Meier's and Gadoury's point streaks both extended in win over Phoenix



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Let's go streaking.

That's what linemates Nikolaj Ehlers and Timo Meier have been doing, at least on the ice, and they kept it up Thursday night to lead the Halifax Mooseheads to a 4-1 win over the Sherbrooke Phoenix.

The import forwards combined on two of Halifax's goals to continue their point-scoring streaks to 26 games for Ehlers and 20 games for Meier.

"If we just keep working hard, those points will come from simple plays," Meier, 18, of Herisau, Switzerland, said.

"We're just trying to go out there and play our game," Ehlers, 18, of Aalborg, Denmark, agreed.

Sherbrooke took an early lead, with forward Daniel Audette feeding defenceman Carl Neill, who put the puck into a wide-open side of net with the man advantage midway through the first to make it 1-0 at the intermission.

It didn't take long for the streakers to strike back.

Ehlers capitalized on a Herd power play, picking up a rebound off a Danny Moynihan shot to tie it up just 52 seconds in the middle frame. Meier also picked up an assist, before scoring one of his own at the 8:38 mark,



Mooseheads defenceman Cavan Fitzgerald, from back, and forward Danny Moynihan celebrate Philippe Gadoury's third-period goal during their 3-1 win Thursday night over the Sherbrooke Phoenix. JEFF HARPER/METRO

one-timing the puck into the net off an Ehlers pass.

Jordan King got an assist on Halifax's second goal while stepping up from the fourth line to help out the star forwards. King, 17, now has two goals and three assists for five points in his rookie campaign.

Ehlers, meanwhile, leads the Mooseheads in scoring with 27 goals and 42 assists for 69 points in 34 games. Meier isn't far behind, with 29 goals and 36 assists for 65 points in 44 games played.

Philippe Gadoury, 20, added another for the Herd at 11:18 in the third, out-skating the Phoenix defenders and deking out netminder Evan

Fitzpatrick. Andrew Shewfelt, 18, of Halifax, scored a short-handed marker on the empty net for the 4-1 final score.

Halifax netminder Kevin Resop made 24 saves, while Fitzpatrick turned away 25 saves.

Thursday night's win over the Phoenix, who are in fifth place overall in the QMJHL, was a much-needed positive following an ugly 8-3 loss on the road to the Moncton Wildcats on Tuesday night.

The Mooseheads have now moved up to 10th place in league standings. They're back at it again Saturday night, hosting the Acadie-Bathurst Titan at 7 p.m.

## Game notes

Ehlers, Meier and Gadoury were named first, second and third stars ... Forward Connor Moynihan served Game 1 of a two-game suspension ... goalie Eric Brassard is still out with a long-term leg injury ... forward Brandon Vuic received a game misconduct in the first period for staging a fight ... King left the game in the second period with an upper-body injury ... other scratches were defenceman Domenico Argento and forward Brett Crossley.

## NBL Canada

### Rainmen welcome Ontario teams

The Halifax Rainmen hope to add two more wins to their record this weekend at home.

They host the Brampton A's on Friday at 7 p.m. and the Windsor Express on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre.

The Rainmen have also added a couple of new faces to their roster. Forward Jermaine Dailey joined them for their 103-101 win over the Moncton Miracles last weekend, while point guard Cashmere Wright will be on the court this weekend.

Meanwhile, centre Tim Parham heads to the Windsor Express in exchange for a first round draft pick in 2016 and forward Emmanuel Jones has been placed on the injured reserve list.

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## AUS women's hockey

### Tigers host Huskies

The Dalhousie Tigers host the Saint Mary's Huskies in Atlantic University Sport women's hockey action Friday night.

The Halifax rivals face off at the Civic Centre, with puck drop at 7 p.m.

Saint Mary's is in third, while Dalhousie is in fifth place of AUS standings.

METRO

## NHL

### Ducks dunk Preds

Jakob Silfverberg scored two goals, and the Anaheim Ducks took the top of the NHL standings for themselves by beating the Nashville Predators 5-2 Thursday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# On-ice tracking close to reality

**NHL.** Chips in jerseys, pucks being tested to record every move in hockey starting as early as next season

Imagine tracking Sidney Crosby's every move on the ice — in real time.

It may not be far off.

The NHL is experimenting with player tracking technology that could be available as early as next season for broadcasters and fans.

During last month's all-star game in Columbus, Ohio, chips were put in jerseys and pucks to track everything from speed and movement to shift length and ice time. The success of this first experiment could make it more widespread.

"We're not exactly sure where this will all take us," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said last week in Vancouver, B.C. "Ultimately,

we are hoping to deliver the kind of data that will create insights and tell stories that avid and casual hockey fans will enjoy.

"We are attempting to embark upon a journey that hopefully will enable us to create and then maintain a digital record of everything in our game and compile a complete digital history."

Sportvision, the same company responsible for first-and-10 lines in football and "K zone" strike-zone mapping in baseball, has worked with the NHL for six years to get to this point. In co-operation with the NHL Players' Association, each player had a chip in the collar of his jersey during all-star weekend. Chips were in each puck so infrared cameras in the ceiling of Nationwide Arena could track every movement.

With this technology, teams, players and fans can see how fast a player is skating, his top speed and average.

The league and NHLPA must come to an agreement before there's even a consideration about having player tracking in place for real games. It's much more data, and with that comes some hesitancy on behalf of some players.

"We haven't finished discussing all that with the players," NHLPA executive director Don Fehr said. "Are there issues some players are concerned about? Sure. But it falls into the generalized category of creating meaningless statistics."

Sportvision CEO Hank Adams thinks there's a use for the stats. TV networks can determine speed and movement in real-time, with lots of information to mine.

"I'd say all around it was a success for us," Adams told The Canadian Press. "We were very pleased and at some point hopefully it translates into something more long-term. But that's yet to be seen."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In January's all-star game the all-tracking technology was put to the test and considered a success. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says he's "not exactly sure where this will all take." COURTESY NHL/NBC SPORTS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Woods withdraws due to tightness in lower back



Tiger Woods blamed the weather for his latest flop. DONALD MIRALLES/GETTY IMAGES

New season, same old story with Tiger Woods.

Only it's no longer a happy tale.

For the third time in his last eight PGA Tour events, Woods got into a cart in the middle of his round and was driven to the parking lot because of back pain. Most troubling about Thursday in the Farmers Insurance Open was he spoke only a week ago of feeling "great" physically, and this was only his second event of the year.

He blamed this one on the weather, which caused his

Not up to par

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Woods was 2-over par through 11 holes and in a tie for 130th when he withdrew.

"glutes" to shut off.

Woods walked off the course after 11 holes on the North Course at Torrey Pines, citing tightness in his lower back from standing around for more than an hour in the cool Pacific air during a fog delay in

the morning. He never looked comfortable, and Billy Horschel noticed it right away. Woods was reaching for his back at the turn. Horschel tried to help by picking up the tee for Woods on their 10th hole and the ball from the cup when Woods made birdie.

"I was ready to go," Woods said. "I had a good warm-up session the first time around. Then we stood out here and I got cold, and everything started deactivating again. And it's frustrating that I just can't stay activated. That's just kind of

the way it is."

Woods now has gone 12 straight PGA Tour events without a top 10, dating to his runner-up finish in The Barclays in 2013 when back pain dropped him to his knees. This was his first round since a career-high 82 last week in the Phoenix Open to tie for last and miss the cut by 12 shots.

"It's tough to see a guy I look up to, a guy I consider a friend, to have issues with spasms," Horschel said. "It's tough to see him go, but he was in quite a bit of pain." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

## Magic fire coach Jacque Vaughn

The Orlando Magic fired Jacque Vaughn as coach Thursday after 2-1/2 seasons, ending the tenure of the first-time head coach brought in to help rebuild the franchise.

The move follows a 15-37 start to the season and a series of lopsided losses during a 10-game losing streak. It is the Magic's second skid of at least five games since the start of 2015.

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NBA

## George wants to play, despite injury

Paul George says he would like to play this season even though he understands the odds are against him making it back so fast from a gruesome right-leg injury.

Indiana's two-time all-star said Thursday doctors believe his broken leg should be fully healed in the next several weeks, but it remains uncertain whether he can get play before the regular season ends. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

## Banks to stay in Hamilton till 2017

Brandon Banks is remaining with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

The speedy kick returner-receiver signed a contract extension Thursday that will keep him in Hamilton through the 2017 season.

The five-foot-seven, 153-pound Banks led the CFL in combined yards (1,968), punt return yards (618) and was third in kick-return yards (701) en route to being named a league all-star. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MMA

## Montreal fighters added to UFC 186 at the Bell Centre

Yves (Tiger) Jabouin and John (The Bull) Makkdessi have been added to fight in their own back yard at UFC 186 in Montreal.

Jabouin will face unbeaten Brazilian bantamweight Thomas Almeida. Makkdessi fights lightweight Abel (Killa) Trujillo. Bantamweight champion T.J. Dillashaw faces contender Renan Barao in the main event. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

## Ovechkin scores winner in Caps' victory over Sens

Alex Ovechkin scored the game-winner Thursday night as the Washington Capitals defeated the Ottawa Senators 2-1.

Evgeny Kuznetsov also scored for the Capitals as Braden Holtby picked up his 25th win of the season by stopping 25 shots.

Kyle Turris scored the lone Ottawa goal as Robin Lehner made 27 saves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB



"As strong as we are and as good as we feel about this

team, there's some questions that need to be answered in spring training."

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons before Thursday night's annual state of the franchise gathering. The bullpen, second base and pitcher Aaron Sanchez's role remain question marks for the Toronto Blue Jays heading into spring training.



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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

### How to play

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### Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	5	2	7	8	9	3	4
3	8	7	4	6	9	2	1	5
9	2	4	1	3	5	6	8	7
7	3	2	5	8	4	1	6	9
5	9	1	3	2	6	7	4	8
8	4	6	7	9	1	5	2	3
4	1	3	6	5	7	8	9	2
2	5	9	8	1	3	4	7	6
6	7	8	9	4	2	3	5	1

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		1				3		
			4	3				
5					2			6

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# See for yourself.



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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton



### Aries

**March 21 - April 20**  
Don't worry about how much something of a creative nature is going to cost you. If your plan is a good one – and it is – then the cosmic powers that be will help you. Take that risk.



### Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**  
It might not be a good idea to speak from the heart over the next 24 hours, not with some of the negative opinions you have about certain people. A day or two from now your attitude will be a lot more positive.



### Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**  
Your confidence may take a dive today but it's no big deal. As a Gemini you are rarely down for long and come the weekend you will be full of life and laughter again.



### Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**  
Under no circumstances commit yourself to anything of a business or financial nature today. If others try to pressure you into signing on the dotted line that is a sure sign you should wait. There's no rush.



### Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**  
Be careful how you talk to and deal with loved ones and family members today. You may not mean to give offence but something you say or do could be taken the wrong way and cause all sorts of problems.



### Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**  
You may not be able to get into the swing of things socially today but that's OK. Send time with your thoughts and once you have made sense of them you will be the life of the party.



### Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**  
Your principles may cost you money today but you are not the sort to abandon your standards for financial reward. You are also not the sort to admit you got it wrong once you adopt a certain position!



### Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**  
Someone in a position of power will put you to the test today and you must raise your game and show them what you can do. There is little doubt you will win in the end.



### Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**  
If you allow fear to guide your thoughts and actions you will miss out on something that could make your life so much more enjoyable. Why should you be afraid of something just because it's new?



### Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**  
If you go to extremes over the next 24 hours you are sure to provoke a strong reaction. Is that wise? Try to find a more socially acceptable outlet for your ambition and aggression.



### Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**  
You may find it hard to get along with people in positions of authority today but if you take them on you are likely to lose. There are times when it is better to back down gracefully and this is one of them.



### Pisces

**Feb. 20 - March 20**  
You may feel run down today but don't worry because things are not as bad as they seem. What little things can you do to make yourself feel comfortable?

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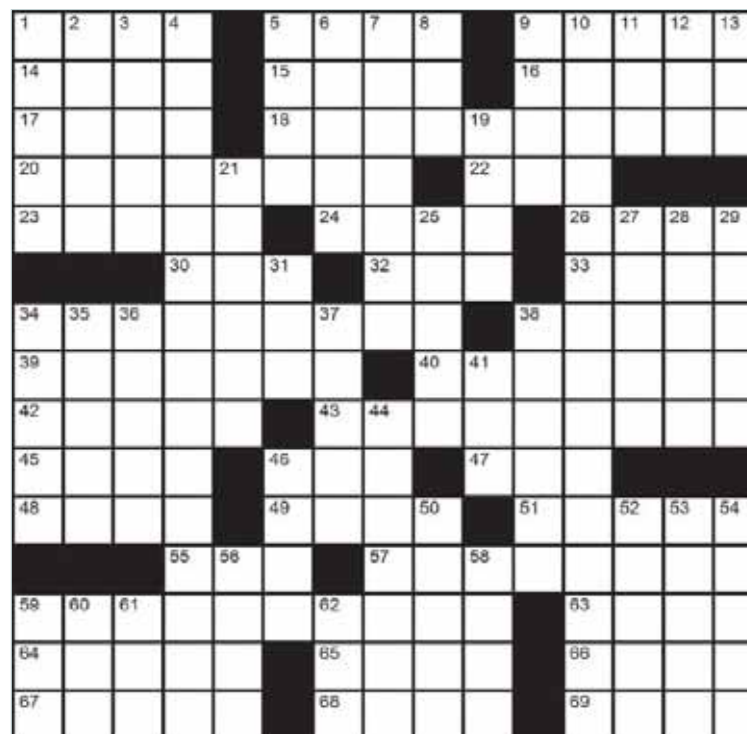
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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. "Do the Right Thing" (1989) pizzeria
5. "Break \_\_\_\_ Me Gently"
9. Home
14. Tom Jones' "\_\_\_\_ Should Ever Leave You"
15. Tarps-laying reason
16. Cried, kitten-style
17. Biblical land
18. Le Chateau \_\_\_\_ (Rustic resort hotel in Quebec)
20. Morden, MB: Marine reptile like 'Bruce' at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, the largest one on display in the world
22. Waste
23. Cache
24. Hawaiian coffee
26. Suggest
30. Tic-Toe link
32. Black Sabbath singer ...his initials-sharers
33. Hodgepodge
34. Way up Whistler
38. Burst with pride
39. Captured again
40. Vancouver attraction, \_\_\_\_ Conservatory
42. Tales
43. Eminence
45. Flooding oper.
46. Ms. Larter
47. Liq. measures
48. Exchange [abbr.]
49. Socialite sorts, shortly



51. Arise
55. Peculiar
57. Ancient Roman racers
59. 1909: J.A.D. McCurdy makes history by piloting this aircraft in Canada's first powered flight: 2 wds.

63. Mark Harmon's show
64. Donald Duck nephew
65. "By the Time \_\_\_\_ to Phoenix"
66. Backsplash square
67. Anxiety
68. Damp
69. Backyard blades

### Down

1. Scott \_\_\_\_ (MP from Newfoundland)
2. "The game is \_\_\_\_" - Sherlock Holmes
3. Tibet's capital
4. Canadian host (who played in the CFL) of HGTV's "Tackle My Reno":

- 2 wds.
5. "\_\_\_\_ la Douce" (1963)
6. Shish \_\_\_\_ (Dish popular in Montreal)
7. It was hot with a cat on top: 2 wds.
8. London's prov.
9. Podium
10. Ludwig's 1824

- symphony: 2 wds.
11. Hoo-er
12. Benicio Toro link
13. Tokyo, once
19. Times
21. San Jose hockey players
25. We Will \_\_\_\_ Undersold! (Store's boast)
27. L' \_\_\_\_ Montreal
28. Frasier's brother
29. Driving costs
31. Toronto-born actor Mr. Bennett
34. Actor Jon
35. Lift with might
36. Fall into \_\_\_\_ (Get played)
37. Fireplace
38. "Welcome Back, \_\_\_\_"
41. Race unit
44. Person's inners shield
46. Mailing info, briefly
50. The Taming of the \_\_\_\_
52. \_\_\_\_-economic status
53. Handy
54. Spelled-out followers of Rs
56. Bug repellent ingredient
58. Li'l lawyer
59. Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
60. Euripides play
61. Oaf
62. Performed

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